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### GEORGE SISLER TOPS AMERICAN BATTERS

#### Has Mark of .405 for 22 Games--Is 32 Points Ahead of Tris Speaker

By H. C. Hamilton  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
New York, May 12.—George Sisler, handsy man of the St. Louis Browns, tops the batters of the American league today. With a mark of .405 for twenty-two games, he stands twenty-three points ahead of Tris Speaker, Philadelphia, and thirty-two points ahead of Tris Speaker.

George Burns, New York, is the real leader among the National leaguers, although J. Smith, St. Louis, has his name at the top and Eddie Rouseh, Cincinnati, is in second place. Burns is batting at a .378 for sixteen games. Smith has been in twelve games and has amassed in that time the terrific average of .321. Rouseh is hitting .329. Cactus Kraybill, Phillies; Cruise, Cardinals; Knuff, New York; Elliott, Cubs; Fisher, Pirates; Baird, Pirates; Groh, Cincinnati; Reuther, Cubs and Niehoff, Phillies, are others in the .300 class. Hal Chase is hitting .299 while Jake Daubert is standing at .293.

Following the three leaders in the American league's select class of hitters, are E. Johnson, Browns; Danforth, White Sox; Wambstang, Indians; Judge, Senators; W. Miller, Browns; Milan, Senators; Cobb, Tigers; Jacobson, Browns; E. Foster, Senators.

Cobb is hitting only .309. Joe Jackson is pined down to .253, while Eddie Collins has a mark of .224.

Schupp, Giants, with three victories; Reuther, Cubs and Prendergast, Cubs, lead the National league batters, the latter two with two wins and no losses. Ruth, Red Sox, is far ahead of rivals in the American league's averages crediting him with seven victories and no losses. Mogridge, Yankees, and Shore, Red Sox, each has three victories and no defeats. Walter Johnson has won two games and lost four while Grover Alexander has won three and lost two.

#### War Hits Baseball

New York, May 12.—National league club owners are here today for a special meeting called by Governor John K. Tener, president, ostensibly to greet Branch Rickey and other new members of the Cardinals, but actually, it is believed to go seriously into the perplexing problem confronting their business.

The question of the effect of a war tax, the probable loss of hundreds of ability of no baseball next year—all the meeting is likely to be of the greatest importance. It is not believed likely that any drastic steps will be made public.

#### To Captain Army Team

West Point, N. Y., May 12.—Elmer Oliphant, graduate of Purdue University, has been elected captain of the army football team. Election was made necessary by the early graduation of the 1918 class.

#### Watching the Scoreboard

#### Pacific Coast League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Salt Lake	21	13	.618
San Francisco	21	15	.583
Portland	17	16	.515
Oakland	17	18	.486
Vernon	16	21	.432
Los Angeles	13	22	.371

#### Yesterday's Results

At Portland—No game with Los Angeles, rain and wet grounds.  
At San Francisco—San Francisco 6, Salt Lake 1.  
At Los Angeles—Vernon 3, Oakland 1

#### Standing of the Teams

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	12	5	.706
Chicago	17	9	.654
St. Louis	12	9	.571
Philadelphia	10	8	.556
Boston	8	9	.471
Cincinnati	11	15	.423
Pittsburg	8	16	.333
Brooklyn	5	12	.294
American League			
Boston	14	5	.737
New York	12	7	.632

### Salem Heights Notes

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Salem Heights, Ore., May 12.—Mrs. A. N. Fulkerson gave a lecture at the Parent-Teachers' meeting at Annsville last week. Mrs. Fulkerson is president of the county Parent-Teachers' association.

Mrs. Munkers, of Forest Grove, has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Gupton, for the past week.

Mr. Tyson and family, who have resided in this neighborhood about a year, have left to make their future home in Brownsville.

Mrs. Gus Chapman and daughter, Ruth, spent the past week as the guests of friends in Portland.

Miss Alice Rientz, of Jefferson, spent a few days the guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Grilley.

Mr. Harold Benjamin has left to report at the officers' reserve camp at the Presidio, San Francisco. The best wishes of the neighborhood go with him. Mr. Lake will finish the school term in Mr. Benjamin's place. Mr. Lake is an Oregon Normal student.

Mr. A. N. Fulkerson and Jay Morris went to Silverton last evening to organize a Boy Scout of America troop in that city.

The young ladies of the neighborhood have formed a Tennis club. Miss Laura Wagner was elected president, Miss Cora Fisher, vice-president, and Miss Eddie Compton, secretary. The young ladies are going to sell candy at the next Parent-Teachers' meeting to raise funds.

Carl Fisher is out of school with the measles.  
Mont and Alta Miller are recovering slowly from a very serious case of pneumonia.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the Aid last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Mize in Liberty. Miss Kate Mize favored the ladies with vocal and instrumental solos. The hostess served dainty refreshments assisted by her daughter, Miss Kate, and Miss Clara Miller. The Aid will meet May 23 at the hall.

Mrs. Shaw, of Salem, is spending the week-end with Mrs. L. Campbell before leaving for her future home in Washington.

Doyle Smith, a student at O. A. C., is visiting home folks.

Fred Spranger, of O. A. C., has quit school and joined the army of formers and left for eastern Oregon to work.



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Chicago	14	12	.538
St. Louis	12	12	.500
Cleveland	13	13	.500
Detroit	8	13	.381
Philadelphia	7	12	.368
Washington	7	14	.333

Well sir, the Seals have at last scored a run. It was the first of five with which they won yesterday's game with the Bees and it came after 31 2-3 runless innings.

Olaf Erickson, the angular slabster, permitted only five hits and all the Bees could get out of it was one mealy tally against the Seals' five.

Charley Pick was there with three hits out of four times up, one a two sack clout.

Chet Chadbourne, whom the Oaks traded to Vernon, single handed scored enough runs to beat his old teammates. Both of Chad's singles were converted into rallies. As the Oaks got only one run all told, the Tigers didn't need that third tally they counted in addition to Chad's two.

Yesterday's big league hero was Joe Bush. He stopped the downward trek of the Athletics with a 1 to 0 victory over the Browns.

Miller, the Oaks' beefy outfielder, got a terrifying triple but he was stopped short at third base and couldn't score.

### Japan Delays China's War Declaration

By Ralph H. Turner.

(United Press staff correspondent.)  
Tokyo, April 12.—(By mail.)—Actual participation by China with the allies in the war against Germany is being delayed by Japan's attitude towards three proposals made by China to the allies.

This statement may be made on the authority of members of the constitutional opposition to the Terauchi ministry and is based upon admissions by high Japanese officials.

Chinese diplomats, in pressing the three proposals, are showing themselves more astute than in some of their former diplomatic dealings, in that they make a declaration of war contingent upon the acceptance of these proposals.

But the date is not far distant when the Peking government actually will join hands with the entente powers and the United States in an actual state of warfare against the Teutons.

Allied diplomats in Peking who have been urging China to enter the war would prefer to consider her three requests apart from the main issue of joining them in the conflict.

China's three conditions are:  
A revision of China's customs revenues, with a general increase;  
Postponement of payment of the Boxer indemnities, and  
Cancellation of the rule which prohibits Chinese soldiers entering foreign concessions at Tientsin.

China, it is definitely known, made these proposals when the decision to break with Germany was reached on March 14. President Li Yuan-hung and his cabinet consider it vital that these three propositions be settled favorably before China declares war.

Right here is where Japan enters with her objections. While the other entente nations seem ready to agree to most or all of these propositions, Japan considers them such as seriously to affect her welfare. Business interests

which oppose an increase in China's customs revenues would violently oppose any act of the Terauchi government granting such increases. Opponents of the government say the government is likely to grant China's demands, but is waiting until after the elections of April 20 in order not to endanger its success in winning the mandate of the house of representatives. China's proposals and the government's attitude towards them (In the elections of April 20 the Terauchi government was upheld by a vote favorable to the Terauchi government was upheld by a vote favorable to the Terauchi government.)



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